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Applicant: Schmeichel, et al.) Docket No.: A20-009-01-US
Serial No.: 09/930,680)
Filed: August 14, 2001) Group Art Unit: 3612
For: TONNEAU COVER END PLATE)
SECURING MECHANISM)
HAVING A RADIAL ENGAGING) Examiner: Unknown
SURFACE)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

AFFIDAVIT OF SUSAN J. ANDERSON

I, Susan J. Anderson, depose and say:

That I am a Legal Secretary employed by Moore & Hansen, the firm of attorneys which represents the Applicants of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/930,680 for TONNEAU COVER END PLATE SECURING MECHANISM HAVING A RADIAL ENGAGING SURFACE;

That on August 28, 2001, I placed a call to the United States Postal Service Express Mail Status Line (telephone number 800-222-1811) (the "Status Line") to determine the date and time that the above-identified application was picked up from the Express Mail Drop Box located in the basement of the Wells Fargo Center at 90 South Seventh Street in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and that I recorded the recorded and/or electronically generated messages provided on the Status Line which are

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[I pressed 1]

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For delivery status of Express Mail, press "1".

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[I entered 850930164]

Our information shows more than one item with that label number. To help us identify your item, we need a zip code. If you know the zip code it was mailed to press "1".

[I pressed 1]

Please enter the 5-digit zip code.

[I entered 20231]

The zip code is 20231. If correct press "1"

[I pressed 1]

The ID is EL 850930164 US. If correct press "1".

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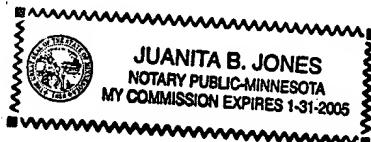
December 14, 2001

Susan J. Anderson
Susan J. Anderson

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

Before me personally appeared Susan J. Anderson, by me known to be the person described in the foregoing affidavit, who signed the affidavit in my presence and made oath before me to the allegations set forth therein on this 14 day of December, 2001.

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